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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Julian Mercado

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

This Office action is responsive to applicant's amendment filed May 19, 2006.

Claims 1 and 3-21 are pending, of which claims 19-21 are newly submitted.

This Office action is made NON-FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 13, 14, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Kita (JP 1-265-454) has been withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Chu et al. has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kita (JP 1-265-454).

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New claims 19 and 21 are notably modeled after claims 1, 3 and 4. As set forth in the prior Office action, Kita teaches a lithium battery having dimethyl oxalate. See p. 308, col. 2. The organic solvent is propylene carbonate. See the Abstract.

Kita does not explicitly teach the amount of the oxalate in the range of 0.001 to 10 parts by weight. However, absent of unexpected results it is asserted that the amount of oxalate is an optimizable parameter for a result-effective variable. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980) The amount of oxalate directly affects the suppression of manganese dioxide and propylene carbonate. See the Abstract

Claims 5-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kita (JP 1-265-454) in view of Chu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,030,720)

New claim 20 is notably modeled after claim 5. Chu et al. is relied upon to teach that polyglymes and dioxolanes as solvents are art-recognized equivalents to carbonates, such as taught by Kita, and would be obvious variants in view of their known conductivity properties. See for example Chu et al. in col. 3 line 4 et seq., col. 4 line 25 et seq. and col. 14 line 33 et seq.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julian Mercado whose telephone number is (571) 272-1289. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick J. Ryan, can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Ryan', with a stylized loop at the end.


PATRICK JOSEPH RYAN
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER